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To the mayors and selectmen of the following municipalities:

Salisbury, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Beverly, Danvers, Salem, Marblehead, Swampscott, Lynn, Nahant, Saugus, Revere, Winthrop, Boston

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish from the below-defined area no longer contain biotoxins (PSP) from the phytoplankton Alexandrium tamarense in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined area will revert to its former status prior to the PSP closure of June 11, 2003 for the harvesting of shellfish. Those areas within the below-defined area that are classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status are now open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those areas in the below-defined area that are classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED and in the "open" status are open subject to the classification conditions. All pre-existing PROHIBITED areas shall remain "closed".

"The waters, flats and all tributaries in all above-listed cities and towns and those marine waters managed by the Commonwealth from the New Hampshire/Massachusetts state boundary to the southern tip of Deer Island in the City of Boston."

Sincerely,

Paul J. Diodati
Director

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns